



Queen's University  
Belfast



***Remembering 1916: The Easter Rising, The Battle of the Somme and Impact on Lowell—A Public Engagement Conference***

**Wednesday, September 7, 2016 -  
Thursday, September 8, 2016**

**UMass Lowell Inn & Conference Center  
50 Warren Street  
Lowell, MA 01852**

## **Wednesday, September 7, 2016**

**5 – 6 p.m.**

### **Conference Registration**

*Location: Hallway outside Lower Locks, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

**6 – 7 p.m.**

### **Networking Reception**

*Location: Lower Locks, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

**7 - 8 p.m.**

### **Introductions and Keynote Address**

#### **Conference Introduction**

Chair: Victoria Denoon, Co-Director, Center for Irish Partnerships  
Speakers: Dr. Jacqueline F. Moloney, Chancellor of UMass Lowell  
The Honorable Martin T. Meehan, President, UMass  
Professor Audrey Horning, Queen's University Belfast.

#### **Keynote Address**

##### **Title: Remembering 1916: Legacy and Commemoration**

Chair: Professor Keith Lilley, 'Living Legacies 1914 – 1918', Queen's University Belfast

Speaker: William Blair, Head of Human History, National Museums Northern Ireland

*Location: Lower Locks, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

## **Thursday, September 8, 2016**

**8 – 9 a.m.**

### **Conference Registration**

*Location: Hallway outside Grand Ballroom, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

**9 – 9:15 a.m.**

### **Conference Welcome**

Chair: Victoria Denoon, Co-Director, Center for Irish Partnerships  
Speaker: The Honorable Fionnuala Quinlan, Consul General of Ireland to Boston  
*Location: Grand Ballroom, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

**9:15 – 10 a.m.**

### **From Past Conflict to Shared Future: Exploring the ‘Living Legacies’ of World War 1 and 1916**

Chair: Professor Audrey Horning, Queen’s University Belfast  
Speaker: Professor Keith Lilley, ‘Living Legacies 1914 – 1918’, Queen’s University Belfast  
*Location: Grand Ballroom, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

**10 – 10:45 a.m.**

### **Remembering 1916: Session 1 - Community Engagement in Northern Ireland**

Chair: Dr. Steve McCarthy, Co-Director, Center for Irish Partnership  
Speaker: Dr. Kurt Taroff, Queen’s University Belfast  
Sophie Long, PhD Candidate, Queen’s University Belfast  
*Location: Grand Ballroom, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

**10:45 – 11 a.m.**

### **Coffee /Tea Break**

**11– 11:45 a.m.**

### **Excavating 1916: Community Archaeology in Action**

Chair: Erin Caples, Associate Director, Center for Irish Partnerships  
Speaker: Prof. Keith Lilley, ‘Living Legacies 1914 – 1918’, Queen’s University Belfast  
Heather Montgomery, Queen’s University Belfast  
*Location: Grand Ballroom, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

**11:45 – 12:30 p.m.**

### **Memorializing 1916: The Rising, Tradition and Social Memory**

Chair: Ruairí O’Mahony, Associate Director, Center for Irish Partnerships  
Speakers: Dr. Tomás Mac Conmara, Manager, Cork Folklore Project  
Thomas O’Mahony, Cork Folklore Project  
*Location: Grand Ballroom, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

**12:30 – 1:30 p.m.**

### **Lunch**

*Location: Grand Ballroom, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

**1:30 - 2:15 p.m.**

**Exhibiting 1916: Community Engagement and Curating Practices**

Chair: Steven Rogers, Senior Director of Development, UMass Lowell

Speaker: William Blair, Head of Human History, National Museums Northern Ireland

Fiona Byrne, 'Living Legacies 1914 – 1918', Queen's University Belfast

Sophie Long, PhD Candidate, Queen's University Belfast

*Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor*

**2:15 – 3:30 p.m.**

**Remembering 1916: Session II - Irish-American Identity and Remembrance**

Chair: Dr. Frank Talty, Co-Director, Center for Irish Partnerships

*Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor*

**Title: "Lowell and the Rising: What Do the Newspapers Tell Us?"**

Speaker: Professor Robert Forrant, University of Massachusetts Lowell

**Title: "Lowell's Contributions to World War I"**

Speaker: Eileen Loucraft, Lowell Historical Society

**3:30 – 4:30 p.m.**

**Irish-American Connections: Reflecting on 1916 and 2016 - a Roundtable**

Chair: Professor Keith Lilley, 'Living Legacies 1914 – 1918', Queen's University Belfast

*Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor*

**4:30 – 6 p.m.**

**Conference Closing and Reception**

*Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor*